

## HARDING SUMS UP HIS CAMPAIGN IN A SIGNED ARTICLE

Says It Has Been His Purpose to Speak Frankly and Fearlessly.

### CONFIDENT OF RESULT.

Wants Americans to Retain Reverence for the Great Office of the Presidency.

By Warren G. Harding.

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MALDEN, O., Oct. 27.—The experience of this campaign has decidedly strengthened the opinion, which I entertained at its beginning, that the American people will make their appeal for support with consistent and becoming dignity. They do insist, as is their right, that those who seek the greatest gift within the nation's power to bestow shall frankly present their cause and claims; and it has been my earnest purpose fully and frankly to comply with that proper requirement of the American people. But I am also convinced that whatever savors of the sensational or theatrical should be avoided by whoever makes this appeal.

It has been my purpose in every utterance to speak what was in my heart, frankly and fearlessly, firmly believing that the American people want to decide the issues solely on their merits and without the bias of pettiness or narrow-mindedness. CONFIDENT RESULT WILL SHOW PEOPLE ARE THINKING.

So far as it lay in me, I have done my best to insure that this election should be the great referendum for which President Wilson asked, and I am confident that when the result is known it will be recognized that the people have been thinking deeply and rightly on the great issues that have been involved.

It will be recognized, in the light of the result, that the people were in too serious a mood to be diverted by appeals to prejudice or by efforts to introduce irrelevant matters into the campaign. To me, this has brought gratifying reassurance of the security of our National future.

The country has splendidly responded to our efforts to show the true nature of the project in internationalism to which some would commit us, thoughtless of the effect upon our nationality, and regardless of the danger that acceptance of that project would sacrifice both our national independence and our best inheritance in the councils of civilization. WANTS PUBLIC TO RETAIN REVERENCE FOR PRESIDENCY.

I would have Americans retain for the great office of the Presidency that same abiding reverence which made it and throughout most of our history has kept it what the Constitution intended it should be.

America stands at the threshold of world leadership and has the courage to grasp it. America realizes, too, that this opportunity of leadership was well-nigh lost to her through the misapprehension of every other consideration save ambition's own determination to control.

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## LEAGUE APPROVES WORLD COURT PLAN ASCRIBED TO ROOT

Scheme Goes Through With Exception of Provision for Compulsory Jurisdiction.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 27 (Associated Press).—The Council of the League of Nations has approved the plan for a permanent Court of International Justice as adopted by the Hague Committee of Jurists, with the exception of the provision for compulsory jurisdiction and some minor matters.

Those parts of the plan generally attributed to Elihu Root, the former American Secretary of State, were accepted in their entirety.

The Council decided that it could not recommend to the Assembly of the League a plan going further than the covenant of the League of Nations, which provides that both parties to a dispute must give their consent in order to bring their case into court.

The question of the compulsory adherence of a defending nation will, America to lead the way to concord and peace.

The Republican Party, and I as its spokesman, intend that this hope shall not be in vain.

Believing this, I have discussed with all earnestness the dangers lurking in the Paris League of Nations. This is no time for trifling appeals and thoughtless words. It is a time for sincere and earnest consideration, and I know that the American people will agree with me and that their agreement will be very dear to all the world when we shall have before us the returns from our national referendum of Nov. 2.

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however, be submitted for study to all the legal associations, including the American Institute for International Law, along with other points that may come up, as suggested by Mr. Root.

The opinions of the associations will be asked with regard to the holding of another international law conference. The decisions of the court will not bind nations not parties to a case, and hence they will not constitute precedents. The language used by the court will depend upon the choice of the parties at issue, but French and English have been recommended as the official languages.

The Council resumed its hearing on the Polish-Lithuanian situation. It is understood that the members of the Council favor a plebiscite to settle the dispute between the two countries.

The occupation of Vilna by Gen. Zeligowski was the subject of animated discussion by the Council this morning.

Three eventualities were under consideration by the Council. The first of these was the expulsion of Zeligowski and the reinstallation of the Lithuanian authorities, but the League's Military Mission reported there was no force available for this purpose.

The second eventuality was continued occupation of Vilna by the Poles, and the third a plebiscite by which the inhabitants could express a desire for self-determination.

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